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Comment letters issued for Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Draft CWA 404 Public Notice and DSEIS. On August 29, 2017, OERA issued both NEPA and 404 comment letters to the Alaska District of the Corps of Engineers for the proposed ASAP project. The 404 letter states the proposed project may not comply with the CWA 404(b)(1) guidelines and the discharge of dredged or fill materials may result in substantial and unacceptable impacts to aquatic resources of national importance, including the wetlands and waters of the Yukon River, per paragraph IV(3)(a) of the 1992 CWA 404(q) MOA. The NEPA letter rated the project E)-2 based on concerns regarding wetlands impacts, and air quality and drinking water issues. In preparation of the 404 letter, staff and managers in OERA/ARU participated in a briefing for Lee Forsgren led by HQ on August 25th. In accordance with paragraph IV(3)(b) of the MOA, we will provide further comments within 25 calendar days, on September 25th. (Staff contacts: NEPA-Molly Vaughan (1-1215) and CWA 404-Mark Douglas (1-1217).

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